



Press Release

Success of the IPO of POXEL

Almost full exercise of the extension option

€25.0m raised on Euronext in Paris

Offer price set at €6.66 per share

Lyon, France, February 5, 2015 – POXEL, an independent French biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of antidiabetic drugs, announces the success of its Initial Public Offering in compartment C of the Euronext regulated market in Paris ("**Euronext Paris**"), raising €25.0 million through a capital increase.

The Open Price Offering and the Global Placement price has been set at €6.66 per share. 3,749,999 new shares will be issued as part of the Open Price Offering and the Global Placement after almost full exercise of the extension option, allowing a share capital increase of €25.0m. POXEL has granted Société Générale acting in the name and on behalf of the banking syndicate an overallotment option, exercisable from today until March 6, 2015 included, on a maximum number of 281,249 new shares after exercise of the extension option, or approximately €1.9m.

The order book is built around few leading, long-only and specialists, French and international, institutional investors.

The shares offered in the Offering will be allocated as follows:

- Global Placement: 3,494,697 shares allocated to institutional investors (which represents approximately €23.3m and 86.7% of the total number of shares allocated);
- Open Price Offering: 536,551 shares allocated (which represents approximately €3.6m and 13.3% of the total number of shares allocated);
- In respect of the Open Price Offering, A1 and A2 orders will be allocated up to 100% and approximately 88% respectively.

Based on a total of 17,346,686 shares to be admitted to trading and a price of €6.66 per share, total market capitalization of the Company stands at around €116m before exercising the overallotment option.

The Company's shares trading on Compartment C of Euronext Paris will start on February 6, 2015 at 9.00 AM CET in the form of undertakings to deliver shares (*promesses d'actions*) on the single listing line "POXEL AIW" until February 9, 2015 included and will be conditional upon the delivery of the certificate of the depository acknowledging the subscription to the new shares.

The settlement/delivery of issued shares in the Open Price Offering and the Global Placement will occur on February 9, 2015. Shares will be traded on Euronext Paris under the ISIN code **FR0012432516** and under the symbol **POXEL** from February 10, 2015 onwards.

“We are delighted to announce today the success of our Initial Public Offering on the Euronext in Paris, which represents a key milestone in our company’s development”, says Thomas Kuhn, CEO of POXEL. “This success is even more important that we have diversified our capital structure with leading institutional investors from the United States, Europe and Israel, as well as with many individual shareholders in France. This is a strong signal to the international recognition of the company and the further development of our diabetes drug candidates. This achievement is the result of the contribution of each of our shareholders – longstanding and new, our partners and our staff members , who I would like to warmly thank for their support and contribution in this major success.”

Reminder of the use of proceeds

- Leverage the Asian opportunity, the most accessible market region for rapid growth, by progressing Imeglimin development, mainly in Japan, and turning it into a product ready for a worldwide phase 3 program;
- Perform complementary studies on the benefits of Imeglimin with regards to its unique and original mechanism of action, to reinforce its positioning as a first representative of a new class of drugs;
- Sign a premium partnership for Imeglimin in Europe and in the United States to drive its phase 3 development and its registration in Europe and in the United States to ensure a successful commercialization. The development of Imeglimin in Asia could be led by the partner under this agreement; and
- Enter phase 1 for PXL770 to confirm its good safety and activity on the diabetic patient.

Financial intermediaries



Lead Managers and Book Runners

Information available to the Public - Copies of the prospectus in the French language (the “**Prospectus**”), which received a visa from the AMF on January 22, 2015 under number 15-030, comprising a *document de base* registered with the AMF on January 7, 2015 under number I.15-001 (the “**Document de Base**”) and a securities note (the “**Securities Note**”) including the summary of the Prospectus, may be obtained free of charge at the company’s headquarter, (200 avenue Jean Jaurès, F-69007 Lyon, France) as well as from the company’s (www.poxel.com) and the AMF’s (www.amf-france.org) websites.

Risk factors - POXEL draws the public’s attention to the business-related risks described in Chapter 4 “Risk Factors” of the *Document de Base* and the offer-related risks described in Chapter 2 “Offer-related Risk Factors” of the Securities Note.

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About Poxel

POXEL, founded in 2009 in Lyon, is a French independent biopharmaceutical company developing anti-diabetic drug candidates discovered by Merck Serono Company, a major player in the type 2 diabetes market. POXEL product pipeline consists in several new compounds with strong potential aiming at a better disease evolution control and at reducing the complications. POXEL’s most advanced product, Imeglimin, is a new oral anti-diabetic agent whose efficacy has been tested in six phase 2 clinical trials and whose safety has been demonstrated on almost 800 patients. Ready to start its phase 3 trials in 2015, Imeglimin is expected to be the first anti-diabetic drug to target simultaneously and directly the two main type 2 diabetes defects in the liver, pancreas

and muscles, by increasing insulin secretion in response to glucose and improving its efficiency. Imeglimin is protected by 16 patent families and has a unique and innovative mechanism of action regulating the mitochondrial bioenergetics in the cell. Imeglimin restores normal functioning of mitochondria, which are directly involved in type 2 diabetes pathophysiology. PXL770 is a direct AMPK activator ready for phase 1. AMP Kinase is a key enzyme in metabolic regulations, also activated by physical exercise. POXEL is located in the Lyon biotech cluster.

For more information, please visit www.poxel.com

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